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3 MORE YEARS?

One year after his inauguration, the real estate mogul turned reality star turned president of the United States is wrapping up the first quarter of his term. Some Americans are angry; others are hopeful. A good strong few, though, are still in disbelief.



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Good Morning. Tomorrow, Donald Trump will celebrate one year in office. That means 364 days down, 1,096 to go. Or is it 2,557? Or, the way things are going, could it be even less than a year? God knows what will happen over the next three years. God knows what will happen tomorrow! What we do know is this: Over a year ago, the people of America — or at least a portion of them — decided they needed a change. They chose a reality TV star who

likes fast food, watching Fox News and “telling it like it is.” Was it a good choice? Or was it a bad choice? Was it a change at all? We at Metro try our best to be unbiased, and gosh, it’s hard. In fact, we’re often criticized from both sides, so maybe we’re doing something right.

But the one thing that we all can agree on is that Donald Trump turned politics into the best reality show on the planet — there’s drama and intrigue, backbiting and betrayals, with

a cliffhanger every day. (Not to mention, his staffers are more famous than the cast of “The Walking Dead.”) It’s yuge!

In this special issue of Metro, we look back at the first year of Trump’s presidency, for better or worse. No matter your politics, 2017 was the ultimate lesson in democracy: If we can survive this as a nation, we can survive anything. Everyone has a vote, and votes matter. Next election, use yours. Now get a cup of covfefe and dive in.



CARLOS LLAMAS

TRUMP DISPUTES TOP AIDE ON BORDER WALL

President Donald Trump on Thursday said his concept of a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico “has never changed or evolved,” contradicting comments made by his chief of staff. White House chief of staff John Kelly told Hispanic lawmakers during a Wednesday meeting that some of Trump’s immigration views during the campaign were “uninformed,” according to reports in the Washington Post

and New York Times. Kelly, in an interview later with Fox News, said the Republican president’s views have “evolved.” In an apparent rebuke of Kelly, Trump tweeted on Thursday: “The Wall is the Wall, it has never changed or evolved from the first day I conceived of it.” The border wall stands at the center of a congressional struggle to overhaul immigration before the March expiration of a program protecting Dreamers.

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

REMEMBER WHEN THEY WERE ALL FRIENDS?

2 On Jan. 28, 2017, President Donald Trump made a call to Russian President Vladimir Putin from the Oval Office, surrounded by his trusted staff. Now, almost a year to the day later, only two of the men pictured remain in their jobs — Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. That’s because former national security adviser Michael Flynn resigned a month after this photo was taken. Former White House chief of staff Reince Priebus was ousted in July, the same month former press secretary Sean Spicer resigned. Last but not least, former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon was fired in August.



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‘FIRE AND FURY’ TOPS BEST-SELLERS LIST

3 “Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House,” Michael Wolff’s scathing, controversial book, topped the U.S. best-sellers chart for a second week on Thursday. “Fire and Fury” sold more than 191,000 copies in its second



week of release, 10 times more than any other fiction or nonfiction hardcover book, according to data released by independent, online and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors across the United States.

SHUTDOWN THREAT PROMPTS WARNINGS

4 Government agencies were warning employees on Thursday of a possible federal shutdown on Friday, as the Congress and White House scrambled to pass legislation to keep the lights on. On Thursday night, the Republican-controlled House approved a short-term funding extension through Feb. 16 though the bill’s prospects looked uncertain in the Senate. A shutdown would be an embarrass-

ment for Republicans, who control the levers of power in the capital. But it might fulfill a wish Trump expressed in May 2017, when he tweeted: “Our country needs a good ‘shutdown’ in September to fix this mess.” When the government shuts down, hundreds of thousands of “non-essential” federal workers may be put on furlough while “essential” employees, dealing with public safety and security, would keep working.

NEW SURVEY: THERE IS A RISING RISK OF WAR

5 The risk of political and economic confrontations between major powers, including outright military conflicts, has risen sharply, according to a survey released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) days before its annual gathering in Davos. The Global Risks Report highlighted several top risks for 2018, including environmental threats, economic inequalities and cyberattacks. But most remarkable was the surge in

geopolitical concerns after a year of escalating rhetoric between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un that has arguably brought the world closer to a nuclear conflict than it has been in decades. Trump will give a speech on the closing day of the WEF, an annual event in the Swiss Alps which runs from Jan. 23-26 and will attract 70 heads of state and government, as well as celebrities, CEOs and top bankers.


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I Many saw the possibility of Donald Trump becoming president when he was still a candidate, but Jan. 20, 2017, he made history by being sworn in as the 45th POTUS. Today, Trump confronts many obstacles: numerous scandals; an investigation into his ties with Russia, along with those of people close to him and members of his campaign; and the lingering opinion that he might not even finish his first term in the White House. But, despite everything, the real-estate mogul has achieved one year as leader of the most powerful nation in the world.



Donald Trump reaches the one-year mark

Metro highlights the most important moments of his first 365 days as president.

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2 The day after Trump's inauguration, at least half a million people participated in the Women's March, a mass demonstration on the capital condemning racism and raising awareness of human rights, equality, inclusion and the rights of the LGBTQ community. It was a direct message to the president on his first day of work, after several women accused him of sexual harassment and a recording emerged in which he can be heard saying that he can "grab 'em by the pussy." That day, millions more marched in cities in the U.S. and around the world in support of the protest and its goals.

3 During the past 12 months, the United States and the world have experienced historical moments in which Trump has been the protagonist. Almost immediately after being sworn in, Trump ordered the Department of Homeland Security to enforce immigration laws more aggressively, a first step in his offensive against undocumented immigrants. A year after inauguration, Trump has not been able to fulfill his promise to build a wall on the border with Mexico, but during the past few weeks he has used the proposal as a tool to exert pressure in exchange for agreements on immigration policies such as DACA.



4 During his first year, the president has made numerous official visits abroad, including to Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam, the Philippines, Israel, Germany, France. How could anyone forget his May visit to the Vatican and his huge smile, in total contrast to the impassive face of Pope Francis? Or his visit to the Western Wall in Jerusalem with first lady Melania; and eldest daughter Ivanka and her husband, Jared Kushner?

5 Trump has even caused controversy for his treatment of leaders during official visits to the White House. It did not go unnoticed when Trump refused to shake hands with German Chancellor Angela Merkel during her visit to the United States in March. "Do you want a handshake?" Merkel asked Trump, but he neither answered nor extended his hand.



6 Before Merkel, the president received in the White House Japan's prime minister, Shinzo Abe, whose hand he squeezed and held for 19 seconds. Trump's assertion of dominance via hand-squeezing was evidenced on several occasions. But during his February visit to D.C., Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau squeezed and controlled Trump's hand twice. With Trump, everything starts with the handshake.

TWEET 1



In February, in a tweet, Trump referred to important national media as the "enemies of the American people." The president has accused different outlets of being "fake news" and has routinely shunned the press.

TWEET 2



In March, the president accused his predecessor, Barack Obama, of having intervened in Trump Tower telephone communications just before the 2016 presidential elections.

**CONTROVERSIAL
TWEETS DURING
TRUMP'S FIRST
YEAR IN OFFICE**



7 Using the “nuclear option,” the Senate confirmed Neil Gorsuch in April as the newest justice on the Supreme Court. With the appointment, the balance in the Supreme Court kept its conservative majority, although judge Anthony Kennedy, 80, has demonstrated that he is willing to vote with both sides. During confirmation, Gorsuch did not talk about whether he would guarantee social rights such as abortion.



8 In early June, the president withdrew the United States from the Paris climate agreement, a major setback to measures implemented by the Obama administration. Trump said he would start new negotiations to reach agreements on climate change that in his opinion are more convenient for the country. “The United States will withdraw from the Paris climate pact, but will negotiate to re-enter the Paris agreement or a completely new transaction on fair terms for the United States,” Trump said.

9 During Trump’s visit to Puerto Rico in October after the devastation of Hurricane Maria, Trump threw rolls of paper towels to victims, as if it were a basketball game or a lottery of essential items, an action that was described by many as humiliating and outrageous.



10 In December, the Supreme Court gave way to the order issued by the president that allows citizens of Chad, Iran, Syria, Libya, Yemen and Somalia — countries with a Muslim majority — as well as North Korea and Nicolás Maduro’s regime in Venezuela, to be banned from entering the United States. The decision of the Supreme Court is not yet final, as several legal challenges are still ongoing. As recently as the second week of January 2018, Trump sparked a new controversy over immigration after he allegedly referred to Haiti and African countries as “s—hole countries.”

11 Also in December, Trump celebrated along with Senate Leader Mitch McConnell, as well as House Leader Paul Ryan, Vice President Mike Pence and members of his White House work team, after approval on a tax-reform bill that has been qualified by its supporters as Trump’s and the Republican Party’s greatest legislative triumph during the first year of his administration. However, it has also been condemned for granting great benefits in the form of tax cuts to companies and those with higher incomes, and minor relief to the middle and lower classes.



TWEET 3



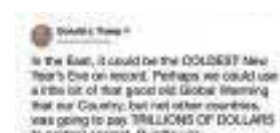
In July, the president tweeted that the military would no longer allow transgender citizens to serve.

TWEET 4



Also in July, the president posted a GIF in which he is beating a man with a CNN logo superimposed on his head.

TWEET 5



At the end of December, President Trump joked about climate change and suggested that America’s East Coast will be protected by global warming.



Trump's legislative agenda was a disaster at first, but then late in the year he signed a big tax reform plan. GETTY IMAGES

THE FOREMAN FORECAST: THE WORD ON TRUMP

Ask any Trump-hater coast-to-coast for one word to describe the president of the United States' first year in office, and they might well go with "disaster." In fact, that descriptor was the most common one offered by people in a Quinnipiac University

survey earlier this year. It was followed closely by "chaotic" and, lagging behind in third place, "successful."

For roughly two-thirds of Americans who do not approve of his job performance, perhaps this is no surprise. But in some ways, this is puzzling.

Like most new presidents, he struggled settling into the Oval Office. Well, maybe more than most. But it's hard to find a new chief executive who has not had some stumbles, and what would you expect from a man with zero experience in politics? Yet, he has presided over a Republican agenda that — a year into his term — is suddenly looking more successful than anticipated.

From the viewpoint of conservatives, he's done a bang-up job seating judges who share their views. He's pushed for an increase in defense spending. His legislative agenda was a disaster, but then late in the year he signed a big tax reform plan. He hasn't built his promised wall with Mexico, but he's continued to rail about the need for immigration reform. And the economy — often considered the single most important concern of voters — started booming under Barack Obama and is doing even better now: Unemployment is low,

TOM FOREMAN

Analysis

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."



the markets are high, and home values are soaring, too.

Think of all that, then subtract the name Trump. If he were a typical Republican who wasn't, well, him, I suspect Trump would have an approval rating somewhere in the 50 to 55 percent range. But he is brash. He is impulsive. He taunts his enemies and abandons his friends. He seems intent on fostering division among us, not unity. He routinely tweets demonstrably false information. He tramples tradition.

I suspect this is really why his approval rating is so low a year into the job; not because so many Americans dislike what he is doing, but because they are so troubled by the way he is doing it.

VOCABULARY

Research confirms Trump speaks like fourth-grader

Website Factba.se has analyzed all the interviews and speeches that Trump has given since the '80s and has confirmed that the 45th POTUS has the lowest grade level of communication of the last 15 presidents.

A study led by Bill Frischling, creator of Factba.se, found that Donald Trump writes and speaks on the level of a fourth-grade student.

When Donald Trump assured the world that he was a "genius," Frischling analyzed the content of his speeches with the government-developed Flesch-Kincaid standardized test. Frischling used the formula and, with the information collected at Factba.se, analyzed the data of the 15 most recent

presidents — all the way back to Herbert Hoover.

"By every metric and methodology tested, Donald Trump's vocabulary and grammatical structure is significantly more simple and less diverse than any president since Herbert Hoover, when measuring 'off-script' words — words far less likely to have been written in advance for the speaker," Frischling wrote in the article.

He added: "The gap between Trump and the next closest president ... is significant."

The words Trump uses most frequently in excess of normal English, according to Factba.se:

- great
- amazing
- folks
- vote
- disaster
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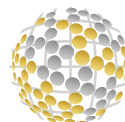
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This is why some voters are still trusting Trump, one year later

What scandals? Donald Trump supporters see year No. 1 as a satisfying move toward "America First" policies.



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One year into the presidency of Donald Trump, Chris Perugino, 69, of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, said she is experiencing a new feeling in life.

"More trust. Self-satisfaction," Perugino described, "If I endured the last eight years, I have hope for the next years."

Perugino is one of the Pennsylvania voters who helped turn the state Republican in a presidential election for the first time

since 1988. She said her top political concerns are immigration, national security and stable military spending, and she doesn't think much of the many criticisms leveled against Trump.

"He needs to keep his mouth shut a little bit, but I believe that's his strategy, to keep things going and stir up the pot," she said. "He's on the crude side. ... I don't condone it, it's not nice, but what the hell, it's life."

Perugino regularly follows White House news and watches the Trump administration's daily press briefings. But she said the media are biased and casually dismissed en masse all the criticisms of the past year as frivolous.

"There is so much garbage being slung at him," she said. "I find it not only obnoxious but laughable.

Everything can't be wrong every single day."

Trump delegate Lauren Casper, of Philadelphia, has supported him since the primary. She said his first year has been unquestionably a success based on economic improvements.

"The president's record speaks for itself. Unemployment is at an all-time low, the stock market has hit record numbers, companies all across the country are hiring more employees and giving their current employees bonuses and pay raises," Casper said. "This is why we elected him — to change the status quo and implement a true 'America First' agenda. President Trump has exceeded my expectations and I continue to support the work of his administration."

Aldrick Gessa-Lang, of



Pennsylvania Trump delegate Lauren Casper, left, is still strongly supporting Trump one year later. COURTESY OF LAUREN CASPER

Philadelphia, a Cuban immigrant and conservative who supported Ted Cruz in the primary, said she'd give Trump's first year a C+ or B, but said she thinks most attacks on him are unmerited.

"I don't think he's a racist, white supremacist, bigot or xenophobe — based on the fact that I have not read, listened or watched any legitimate evidence which shows that he is any of those things," she said.

Gessa-Lang praised

Trump for sticking to campaign goals on immigration and foreign policy through his agency appointments and others steps she supports like repealing the Obama policy on Cuba and recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

But he needs to lead and unite the GOP to be truly successful, she said.

"Reagan had to deal with worse political odds and still managed some amazing accomplishments," she said.

For voters like Perugino, the nation continues to be in safe hands. And she will be continuing to tune out the national media as long as they focus on the daily Trump scandal cycle.

"I don't think it's his intention to treat anyone poorly and I don't believe he's a racist," she said. "It doesn't have to be every single day, evil is there. The media has to see a ray of sunshine, other than their own deplorable selves."

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When asked if they would go back and change their 2016 vote if possible, most of those who voted for Trump said that they wouldn't change a thing. GETTY IMAGES

Trump's approval low at end of first year in office, but his base still stands behind him

Despite an overall thumbs up of just 39 percent, those who voted for the president wouldn't change their 2016 ballot if they could, according to an Emerson College poll.



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One year since Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 45th president of the United States he has one of the lowest year-end approval ratings in history, yet his supporters still wouldn't have it any other way, according to a poll.

Trump's approval rating after his first year in office is about 39 percent, according to a survey out of Emerson College Polling Society (and his first-year approval record was the worst of the most recent seven presidents, according to Gallup). Fifty-two percent of voters disapprove of his job performance, per the Emerson poll.

That approval rating is down from 48 percent (and a 47 percent disapproval) recorded by an Emerson poll in Feb. 2017.

Though his overall approval rating has slipped, Trump's base hasn't swayed in its support.

When asked, if given the opportunity, would they change how they voted in 2016, only 12 percent of Trump voters said that they would cast their presidential election ballot differently.

"It looks like his base is still intact, yet approval is low," said Spencer Kimball, adviser of the Emerson College Polling Society. "The way I explained it was like a person not doing a good job, but people are saying, 'give them another chance.' They're

disappointed, but [the person] is not fireable."

Though Trump's approval rating seems low, Kimball noted that George W. Bush left office in 2009 with an approval rating of 22 percent.

"So [Trump's] got a little room to drop," Kimball said. "His policies, they really haven't set in, so it's hard for him to make the case that any of his policies are generally positive for people, until they see more of the results."

That could change, Kimball noted, with the tax-reform bill set to shake things up in the coming months — though more than 41 percent of voters are not supportive of the tax plan, according to the Emerson poll.

The poll also asked voters if they thought Trump was a "mentally stable person" or "a mentally unstable person." The results were pretty split, with 43 percent saying Trump was mentally stable and 45 percent saying he was mentally unstable.

There's no benchmark to compare this too, unfortunately — as in, Kimball doesn't have numbers for the population that thought President Barack Obama was mentally stable. But the results still seemed high to him, and the fact that this question was included in this poll at all is telling.

"These are definitely different issues that are coming to light in this administration," he said. "We knew that it was going to be a different type of administration, based on his campaign and his disruptive policies. Now, we're seeing it in the topics being discussed by the population, so we have to think about how to ask questions to really gauge public opinion."

We'll just have to wait and see what year two of Trump's presidency holds.

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ONE YEAR DOWN, WE'RE STILL STANDING

There is no wall.

Rocket Man hasn't nuked Los Angeles, and a lot of alarming creatures no longer work in the White House: Michael Flynn, Steve Bannon, Omarosa Manigault. (Quick show of hands: Who misses Omarosa? I didn't think so.)

Thank God for little favors, I say.

The DACA kids are still with their families. The transgender troops are still in uniform. NATO is still NATO. And the Muslim ban's still tied up in court. Despite some ominous rumblings, the First Amendment hasn't been gutted yet. Even the Iran nuclear deal is still in place. Obamacare is clearly in critical condition — but, no, it ain't quite dead yet, regardless of the rumors to the contrary that you might have heard.

One year into the presidency of Donald J. Trump, I can now officially report: The Resistance is mostly, kinda, pretty much holding — and the midterms are only nine months, two weeks and four days away.

Whew!

Is that a sigh of relief? OK, it might be a bit premature. There's still plenty for America to panic about.

Our allies don't understand us. Our enemies have been handed powerful, new recruiting tools. China's romping wildly across the Asian economy, thanks to our bail out on TPP. And Russia's Vladimir Putin gets everything, always — just never any blame.

The president's still trying to stop the inward flow of the dark people. He's still

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Analysis



vowing to neuter the libel laws. He is itching to let Wall Street go wild again. And, oh, the plans he has for the U.S. Supreme Court: a rising freshman class of right-wing justices, ideally not quite old enough to shave.

As for the Republicans in Congress, they have either lost their hearing or their short-term memory — or is it their backbone? They certainly aren't saying much. The White House is staffed by people who can barely believe this man is president. But, hey, who else hired them to work in the White House?


Thanks to Trump's so-called tax reform, living in all the best places (New York, California, a handful of others) just got way more expensive. The "Blue State Tax," this is called. And then there's the tweeting. Enough said about that.

Happy anniversary, Mr. President. Please, not too many more.

Metro columnist Ellis Henican is the best-selling author of a dozen books, including "TRUMPTITUDE: The Secret Confessions of Donald's Brain." Join him on Twitter @henican.



The president's first year in office has been turbulent, to say the least. GETTY IMAGES



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How to secure a place at your dream grad school

Don't settle for second best.

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Thinking of following up your undergraduate degree by applying to grad school and finding a specialization? The fight for places at the world's top graduate schools is more competitive than ever so it's vital that your application is bulletproof. But what are admissions staff looking for in a graduate school application? Here are some simple ways to ensure your application stands out.

Mention details about the university in your personal statement

Avoid writing a generic personal statement that makes no effort to reference the university or program



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you're applying to. This kind of detail, along with the names of any faculty members you've met at events or any modules you're particularly interested in, shows your commitment to the university while demonstrating

you've taken the time to learn about what the course has to offer and whether it's right for you.

Try to meet university staff at fairs and other events

If you can meet admissions staff, current students and other individuals connected to your university of choice, you should almost always do so. Whether it's at a university fair or another form of networking

event, this is a fantastic chance to not only gather information but also make a positive impression. There's always a chance that the person you meet at an event will be the person reviewing your application later, and if they have a positive memory of meeting you then it's likely to be of significant benefit to your application. There's a QS event coming up soon in New York, try to come along and meet some top universities in person!

Have an end goal in mind

The working world might seem some way off still, but universities want to know what your plans are for after graduation. If you can show how studying this grad school program will further your career ambitions, it helps to validate your application. Universi-

ties would rather give a place to someone with a plan than somebody without one.

Be approachable

Applications can feel stiff and formal, but it's important to remember to inject some personality and warmth into your writing. Your personal statement is the only real chance your application has to relate to you on a human level, so don't be too guarded and give them a sense of the real you. Explain how your interest in this field developed, what you've worked on in the past, and what you particularly enjoy about this area of study.

Want to know more about what top schools are looking for? You can meet some of the world's best in the flesh when the World Grad School Tour comes to New York.

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MBA courses remain a popular choice for post-graduate students, and for a good reason: they pay off. Graduates of this internationally-renowned course benefit from improved careers, increased earnings and expanded contact networks. Students are taught vital business skills and build up experience that would take them much longer to attain in the real world – not to mention many business schools include international options, vital in our globalized society.

For some, the cost of the course can be a dissuading factor. But these worries can be allayed by understanding the potential return on



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MBA programs move with the times

MBA programs are constantly evolving. Wherever business schools sense an area of interest among prospective students that is backed up by industry opportunities and demand, they will invariably seek to encompass a subject

area in their curricula. This means MBA graduates are prepared for the challenges that arise from the rapidly changing world of work.

Modifications to course offerings and initiatives are made each year by leading schools. A great way to find out if an individual institution is taking their MBA program in new direc-

tions, that match your ambitions, is to talk to school representatives in person, at an event such as the QS World MBA Tour, which comes to New York on January 20th.

Measuring the impact of investing in an MBA

Before applying for the course, prospective MBAs must first

consider the value of the qualification and the impact it might have on their future career.

Money will never be the only way in which a person can measure their 'MBA impact' but the often significant cost of the qualification pushes it to the forefront of applicants' minds. This is why the company behind the QS World MBA Tour undertakes ROI (return on investment) research which aims to measure the financial gains you can expect to receive if you pursue an MBA. In the most recent research conducted it was found that full-time MBA graduates across the US and Canada achieved an average salary uplift of 74%, pre to post-MBA.

The immediate impact then is considerable. But, what about the medium and long-term financial benefits? The report also estimated how much more an

MBA graduate could expect to earn, as opposed to someone without the qualification.

A decade after graduation, MBAs from schools across the US and Canada were estimated to be an average of US\$419,161 better off, financially. The question before you now is whether you consider this an impact worthy of your investment.

If you're looking to learn more about the MBA programs offered by leading business schools around the world and want to speak directly with their admissions directors, come to the QS World MBA Tour event at the New York Hilton Midtown on January 20th, from 1:30pm to 6:00pm. By attending, you'll also become eligible for QS's exclusive MBA scholarships!

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Gerard Butler wants to show the world he can act

Butler plays Big Nick in the surprisingly impressive crime heist thriller. **STX FILMS**

The Scottish actor talks “Den of Thieves,” a film 14 years in the making.



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Much more so than his peers, Gerard Butler gives a refreshingly honest interview. The 48-year-old is grounded and aware of his reputation — but at the same time, he oozes star quality.

Even when he is sick. Which he was when we sat down to discuss “Den of Thieves.”

“It’s not the best time to start press,” he says. “I hate doing press sick.”

But Butler is hellbent on promoting “Den of Thieves” — out Jan. 19 — especially because it gives us a very different Gerard Butler. As Big Nick, a corrupt LAPD officer intent on bringing down a group of intelligent bank robbers before they break into L.A.’s Federal Reserve Bank, Butler is ferocious, commanding and the best he’s been since “300.”

“This felt like it had real commercial appeal, but it also had a chance

to be gritty and grimy,” he says. “It gave me a chance to show my acting chops in my performance. With Big Nick, you really got to tell the story of an artist: He is intimidating, a bully, but at the same time there is a vulnerability to him.”

While the character of Big Nick was an immediate appeal for Butler, there was much more that attracted him to “Den of Thieves.”

“I have always believed in it,” he says. “It felt like a real dark horse of a script. Not really a lot of people knew about it. Even when we were film-

ing it it wasn’t really hyped up but it always felt like we were making a great movie and that it would take people by surprise.”

While Butler has been involved for six years, co-writer and director Chris-

tian Gudegast actually first put pen to paper on “Den of Thieves” back in 2003. Over the years Gudegast has brought together “a hodgepodge of stories,” articles, and research to help create the authentic and detailed film.

“Christian is a very dear friend of mine, and we have worked on a number of projects together,” Butler

says. “But it was still a gamble because he has never directed before. But if there was anyone who could pull it off it was him.”

Pull it off, he did. And Butler has high hopes that audiences will feel the same — and welcome it among the best entries of the crime heist genre.

“It feels like it is an homage to ‘Heat,’ but at the same time it is completely its own movie and distinctive,” he says. “Hopefully someone will one day say, ‘I made this movie and it is an homage to Den of Thieves.’”



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“Den of Thieves”

Director: Christian Gudegast
Stars: Gerard Butler, Pablo Schreiber
Rating: R



“Den of Thieves” is that rarest of creations: a Gerard Butler film you need to take seriously. A project he has been working on for years, Butler inhabits

the imposing tour-de-force that is Big Nick in such a powerful fashion that it effortlessly elevates the film.

There are other reasons “Den of Thieves” delivers, though. Co-writer and director Christian Gudegast crafts a world of the criminals, officers and heist with such meticulous detail that you are pulled closer and closer in. And the fact that the line between

good and evil is completely blurred also allows “Den of Thieves” to take surprising twists and go in directions you never expected.

By its conclusion, you might feel as though the film has overstretched itself. But even at 140 minutes, it never drags and is ultimately an eye-opening, hugely enjoyable and worthy addition to the crime-heist genre. **GREGORY WAKEMAN**

“Den of Thieves” is gritty, meticulous, and features a career-best turn from Gerard Butler. **STX FILMS**



“12 Strong” whimpers in the middle ground of action and authenticity. **WARNER BROS**

“12 Strong”

Director: Nicolai Fuglsig
Stars: Chris Hemsworth, Navid Negahban
Rating: R



As a producer, Jerry Bruckheimer has always prioritized entertainment over pretty much every other aspect of a film. So it’s rather bizarre that “12 Strong”

finds itself stuck in a cinematic no-man’s land between action and authenticity.

Don’t get me wrong: “12 Strong” clearly heightens and exaggerates situations. But having been marketed as the story of American soldiers confronted with the unconventional warfare of Afghanistan, it doesn’t explore said warfare nearly enough. Instead “12 Strong” misses opportunities to excite; even its set

pieces progress in such a messy and chaotic manner that they inevitably underwhelm.

The combined presence and camaraderie of Chris Hemsworth, the impressive Navid Negahban, always delightful Michael Shannon, Trevante Rhodes, and Michael Pena stop “12 Strong” from completely falling flat. But it’s ultimately a forgetful whimper instead of the rousing dose of patriotism intended. **EW**

'High Maintenance' is still blazing

In the second season, Katja Blichfeld and Ben Sinclair put community first.



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Despite divorcing, Katja Blichfeld and Ben Sinclair, the brains behind "High Maintenance," are just fine. So those of you worried about the future of the show — whose second season premieres Friday, Jan. 19 — well. Don't. "If any of you follow our personal narratives, you'll know it's been a year of a lot of ups and downs," Blichfeld said at a Q&A for the series at the Alamo Drafthouse in Brooklyn. "And we've

been really lucky to be supported by each other. And some really good friends."

And despite — or because of — said personal narratives, the second season of the HBO series is beautiful, timely and as funny as ever. "High Maintenance" continues to be impressive in its diverse, all-welcoming landscape, telling the stories of all the kinds of people who live in New York and poking fun at them when need be.

But it's never mean. Blichfeld and Sinclair maintain a warm, open gaze on their subjects, whether dealing with white feminists, interracial families, or the collective shock felt through a borough after something major and unnamed hap-



The Guy is back — and so is everyone else in Brooklyn, bonding over major and minor disappointments, parenthood and, of course, weed. **HBO**

pens. Something that's most likely the day we all found out Donald Trump was actually going to be president (that happens in the premiere episode, by the way).

"That idea was conceived of on Inauguration Day in January last year," Sinclair said. "We knew we didn't want to reveal that it was that — we don't even say Trump's name in this

whole season."

"We were really interested, more than anything, in capturing a mood," Blichfeld added. "We didn't need to be specific about it. We felt pretty confident that over the next several months, other terrible things were probably going to happen that would be similar in their impact."

Still, while "High

Maintenance" is set firmly in its left-leaning bubble, that aforementioned willingness to dive deep into diverse stories helps keep it universal.

"I've heard it said before that the more specific you can be in your story, the more universal it can become. And I think that's true," Blichfeld said. "Sometimes we get emails from people who are very distinctly not in

cities who will say, 'Oh wow, your show really resonates with me.' And they'll call out episodes that, to me, feel like they're really specific to the New York urban experience."

"They call 'em indie-lectuals, they tell us," Sinclair said, laughing. "They told us our demographic is male-skewing indie-lectuals. You never heard of that?"

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For the one you don't love

This Valentine's Day, give the gift of a cockroach to show you're still thinking of them.

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Valentine's Day can be a wretched time of year for the brokenhearted. Rather than taking Cupid's arrow and stabbing that devious little cherub in his butt with it, the Bronx Zoo has another idea: Name a cockroach in honor of the one who scorned you.

In a holiday all about clichés, "take their breath away" is the real deal with Name a Roach. This isn't just any common water bug: The zoo has its own nest of giant Madagascar hissing cockroaches, which at nearly 4 inches long are the world's largest species of

roach.

For \$15, the Bronx Zoo will name one after your not-so-loved one and email them a certificate as a token of your affection. Or for the first time this year, you can send a "care" package for \$75 with a Roach Broach, themed socks and a box of chocolates.

"The Bronx Zoo's Name-A-Roach promotion is a lighthearted, fun way to reach out to someone on Valentine's Day to let them know that you are thinking about them," says spokesman John F. Calvelli, somehow, despite having his tongue firmly in cheek.

"Roses wither, chocolates melt, but roaches are forever. Nothing lasts longer than a roach, so it could be sent as a symbolic gesture about how long your love will last — or exactly the opposite.

"Some might say that

love is like a roach — elusive, resilient, and sometimes very scary." Sure isn't the hearts and flowers and Cupid's arrow version the greeting card companies are selling. But it's somehow more romantic, in its own way?

Since the Name-a-Roach program launched in 2011, thousands of people from around the world have named roaches after their loved ones — as well as exes, and even mothers-in-law. The tradition has also gotten political at times, unsurprisingly.

Proceeds from the program benefit the Wildlife Conservation Society, to make sure we have animals beyond roaches to cherish in the future.

And for those of you who actually like giant bugs, see thousands more supersize insects at the zoo's Madagascar! exhibit.

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We're always happy to see a worthy concept go from pop-up to brick-and-mortar. Chef Richard Ho has found a home in the East Village, a hole-in-the-wall named Ho Foods. The sole main dish is his beef noodle soup (plus a short list of sides). It's an everyday dish in Taiwan, which is probably why this soup is in a class of its own when it comes to being a bone-deep satisfying experience to eat. Ho starts with a deeply spiced broth that simmers for 10 hours and adds handmade noodles, fermented greens and pasture-raised beef.

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Nusr-Et

Salt Bae is a very busy man, seasoning things on several continents, but he'll always be present at his appropriately dramatic-looking new restaurant right here in Midtown: There's a giant painting of him in action in the dining room. Nusr-Et is a steakhouse, with the usual fare like tartare and less usual like sucuk, a sausage from his native Turkey, in addition to filets, steaks and ribs. Will his staff also wear deep-cut V-necks and know how to season just so? Find out for yourself. 60 W. 53rd St.



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Gibson & Luce

You know what journalists want in a bar? Strong drinks and to be left alone. That's certainly true at Gibson & Luce, the new speakeasy in the basement of the Life Hotel discovered during a renovation. Said to have been a Prohibition-era hang for the hard-working journo of previous tenant Life magazine, the casual bar serves casual fare like goose fat potato knish and crispy chicken "tots." The trend of bitter Italian spirits is present in an extensive menu of digestifs, with a cocktail list rife with end-of-the-world names and eclectic ingredients.

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Looking for your chill? Maybe you can find it on a bus.

No, we're not talking about the MTA. On Monday, NYC's first mobile meditation studio will park at Madison Square Park. Step aboard the Be Time bus, otherwise a drab black vehicle, and you'll enter into a psychedelic space tricked out with LED lights and a glowing orb, with enough cushions for about 10 people at a time to take a meditation class.

To celebrate its launch, Be Time is offering free 30-minute meditation classes Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Check @BeTimePractice on Twitter and Instagram for location updates.

Be Time is the brainchild of Carla Hammond. The entrepreneur and avid om-seeker worked in nonprofits and startups for years,

but it wasn't until she gave birth to twins that she got the idea for the company.

"My [meditation] practice at home got a little complicated," Hammond recalls. "I wanted a space that was clean, cozy, comfy, where I could go at least once a week and do my thing."

At the time, popular meditation studios such as MNDFL and Inscape hadn't yet opened. Be Time joins that roster and, ideally, will make the practice even more accessible by literally bringing classes to New Yorkers, Hammond hopes. It's like a taco truck, but instead of a savory snack, you get a dose of mindfulness.

Every week, the bus will switch up its locations to make it convenient for harried urbanites across the city. While there's only one Be Time bus so far, Hammond plans to add on more vehicles and expand the routes.

The idea is that you'll be able to duck out of work or an otherwise stressful situation, and onto the closest bus for a quick mental reset. New Yorkers can "book a cushion" with Be Time on the Zingfit app; walk-ins are first-come, first-



Step away from the stresses of the city and take haven on the Be Time bus, NYC's first mobile meditation studio, launching Monday. PROVIDED

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Following the launch, 30-minute classes cost \$10 for first-timers. After that, it's \$22/class, with 5-class packages for \$99, 10 for \$190. Hammond plans to make the bus available for corporate bookings and private parties — mindful bachelorette, anyone?

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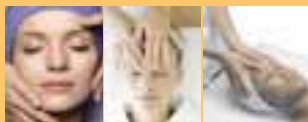
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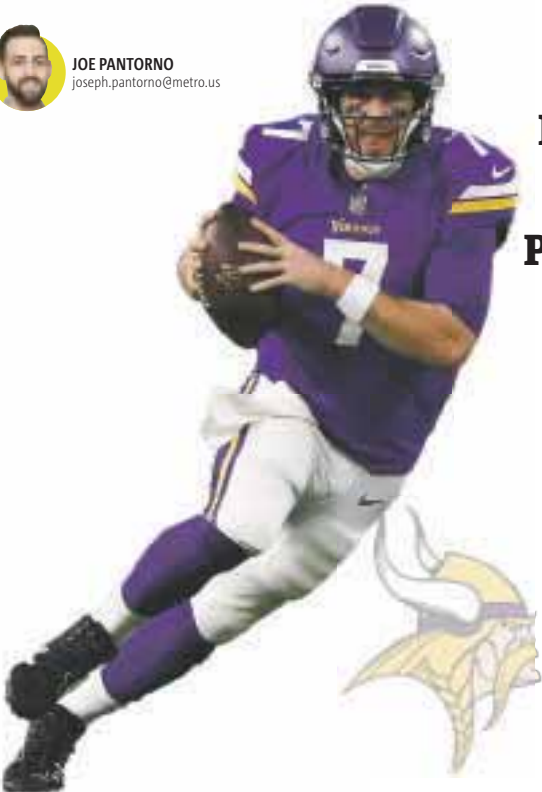


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Jets might not need draft to find QB

The Jets are still searching for their franchise quarterback. Could they find it this offseason?



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With a ragtag-looking roster and little hope, the New York Jets surprised the masses in 2017 by pulling out a 5-11 record when they were expected to win two or three games at most.

Much of the credit has to do with the head coaching of Todd Bowles and his ability to get the most out of his players, which didn't exactly provide an abundance of star power.

Among the most pleasant of surprises was quarterback Josh McCown, who put up a career year at age 38 as he passed for 2,926 yards with 18 touch-

downs and nine interceptions. But even the most optimistic of Jets fans realize there has to be a turnover at the position soon.

The Jets still need to find a franchise quarterback, something the organization has been lacking for quite some time. Some will even argue since Joe Namath.

But because of their surprising five-win season, the Jets will not be picking until sixth overall in the 2018 NFL draft, which means they will likely lose out on the top-two quarterback prospects in USC's Sam Darnold and UCLA's Josh Rosen.

Sure, the Jets could gamble and take either Wyoming's Josh Allen, Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield or Louisville's Lamar Jackson, who might not have the promise to warrant such a high selection. Or they can address another need and go after a quarterback in free agency.



Alex Smith will get plenty of attention if he's released by the Chiefs. GETTY IMAGES

Luckily for them, there are three viable options who could be on the market for the taking:

KIRK COUSINS

It's unlikely that the Washington Redskins will franchise tag Cousins for a third-consecutive season at a \$34.7 million price tag, allowing the 29-year-

old to look for a new home. While he isn't the first name one thinks of when categorizing marquee quarterbacks, Cousins has thrown for over 4,000 yards in each of the three seasons in which he's been the Redskins starting quarterback.

His numbers did see a bit of a dip after the departure of former offensive coordinator Sean McVay, going from 4,917 yards in 2016 to 4,093 in 2017. However, Cousins tossed 27 touchdown passes this year compared to 25 the year before.

CASE KEENUM

That's right, the Minnesota Vikings quarterback that is one win away from the Super Bowl likely won't be on the roster next season as Teddy Bridgewater and Sam Bradford will be back and healthy in 2018. It renders Keenum expendable as he will be a free agent once Minnesota's run ends.

This season, though, might have just earned Keenum a sizeable contract. After being nothing more than a backup and spot starter over his first five seasons in the NFL, Keenum was forced into the starting role under center and ran with it. He set career highs with

14 starts, amassing 3,547 yards and 22 touchdowns while going 11-3 as a starter.

ALEX SMITH

There was a time earlier in the 2017 season when the Kansas City Chiefs' quarterback was garnering consideration for the NFL's MVP award. Through his first nine games of the season, Smith passed for 2,444 yards with 18 touchdowns and just one interception.

But a late-season swoon saw the Chiefs limp into the playoffs before getting upset by the Tennessee Titans. With young Pat Mahomes waiting in the wings waiting to take over Kansas City's offense, Smith's time at Arrowhead Stadium could be up, whether he is released or traded.

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Mets finalize Gonzalez signing

The veteran first baseman gets a chance to rekindle his career in Queens.



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While the New York Mets still have a glaring need at second or third base, they pulled the trigger on veteran first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, finalizing a deal on Thursday.

At first glance, it's a somewhat puzzling move for Mets. Gonzalez will turn 36 in May and is coming off a 2017 season in which he was Wally Pipp-ed. After trudging through a herniated disk and forearm tendinitis, the struggling Gonzalez was placed on the DL in May, allowing the Dodgers' red-hot rookie Cody Bellinger to come in and steal his job.

In just 71 games during his injury-shortened campaign, Gonzalez hit just .242 with three home runs and 30 RBI. He hadn't experienced a stretch that poor since his first two MLB seasons when he came up as a member of the Texas Rangers.

There was a time where Gonzalez was one of the most imposing left-handed hitters in the game. Over an 11-year



The Mets signed veteran first baseman Adrian Gonzalez to a one-year contract worth the league minimum. GETTY IMAGES

stretch from 2006-2016 as a member of the San Diego Padres, Boston Red Sox and Dodgers, he mashed 301 home runs with a .292 batting average and .364 on-base percentage.

Those numbers warranted some sizeable contracts as the Red Sox signed Gonzalez to a seven-year, \$154 million deal prior to the 2011 season.

The Dodgers, who acquired Gonzalez during the 2012 season, traded Gonzalez to the Atlanta Braves for Matt Kemp in a salary dump deal. The Braves, who were expected to, and did in fact, release Gonzalez, would take on the almost \$17 million owed to him in 2018. So basically, Gonzalez could be had on the free-agent market for an extremely low price.

This is where the Mets came in.

The general consensus is that the team is not happy with the development of first baseman Dominic Smith, who only spent about six weeks in the majors after being called up

alongside the organization's top prospect Amed Rosario. In 49 games, the 22-year-old Smith batted just .198 with nine home runs and 26 RBI.

He could still very well be the future of the team at first, but is likely going to need more time in triple-A to hone his game, which would have left the Mets to searching for a short-term option at the position.

Gonzalez, whose better days are certainly behind him is the epitome of a low-risk, high-reward signing. Nabbng him at the league minimum (\$545,000) on a one-year deal, the Mets are getting a savvy veteran hitter who still knows his way around the batter's box.

At the end of the day, this is a five-time All-Star who finished in the top 20 of MVP voting eight times.

He also understands the role he'll play upon arrival.

"Speaking to [Mets GM] Sandy Alderson and speaking to [manager] Mickey Callaway, my role is going to be first baseman on the team

and just be available off the bench in the games I don't start," Gonzalez said. "I'm open and willing to do anything, obviously. One of my big, key points going into spring training is to work with Dominic on defense and just the mindset and tell him about my experiences and everything I've done. I'm looking forward to that adventure with Dominic as well so I can help him become the best major leaguer he can be in the future."

Should he return to full health and is put in a lower spot in the lineup where he is supported by Yoenis Cespedes, Jay Bruce and Michael Conforto (upon his return from a dislocated shoulder), Gonzalez could still be more than serviceable for the Mets.

And possibly one of the best bargains of the year in baseball.

If he struggles, then his salary is easily releasable and the Mets would have to deal with the platoon of Smith, Wilmer Flores and even Bruce at first base for the rest of the season.

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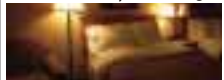
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ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF
ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD,
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SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
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Plaintiff AGAINST
AUBREY GOODWILL, et al.,
Defendant(s) Pursuant to a
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Jorge Santiago a/k/a Jorge L.
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Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
May 31, 2017 I, the undersigned
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Donna Furey, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
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(877) 759-1835
Dated: January 2, 2018

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
N.A., Plaintiff against
DAVID WELLS, et al
Defendants
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Foreclosure and Sale entered on
October 26, 2015 and amended on
August 11, 2017, I, the undersigned
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Index No. 943/13.
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COUNTY OF QUEENS
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Across

- 1 Pouch
- 4 Lieutenant under Kirk
- 9 To the -- (totally)
- 12 Wheeling's river
- 13 Refinery output
- 14 Stadium shape
- 16 African antelope
- 17 Carpenter's tool
- 18 Track event
- 19 Cut-out pattern
- 21 Quarry material
- 23 Chocolate substitute
- 25 He'll suit you
- 26 For some time
- 29 Like the yak
- 31 This too -- pass
- 32 "PTI" broadcaster
- 33 Be radiant
- 37 Good buddy
- 38 Sneeze inducer
- 41 That senora
- 42 Portico
- 44 Wan
- 45 On -- (hot)
- 47 The One-L Lama
- 49 Friday's companion
- 50 Saunter
- 53 Chances to play
- 55 Settles beforehand
- 57 Gave a hard time
- 61 Young horse
- 62 Spoil (2 wds.)

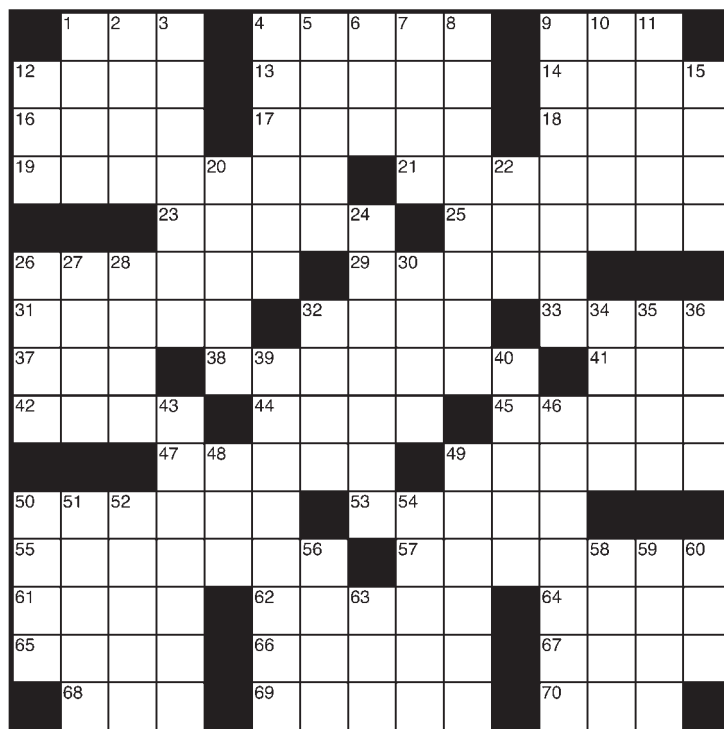
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- 65 Cannot tell --
- 66 Run -- of (cross)
- 67 Food holder
- 68 Inc. cousin
- 69 Attic end
- 70 Clique

Down

- 1 Barred
- 2 Senate staffer
- 3 City or student --
- 4 Game official
- 5 Parrot's word
- 6 Tony-winner -- Hagen
- 7 Called the butler
- 8 Warning
- 9 Dawn
- 10 Take advantage of
- 11 Hobby knife (hyph.)
- 12 Approves

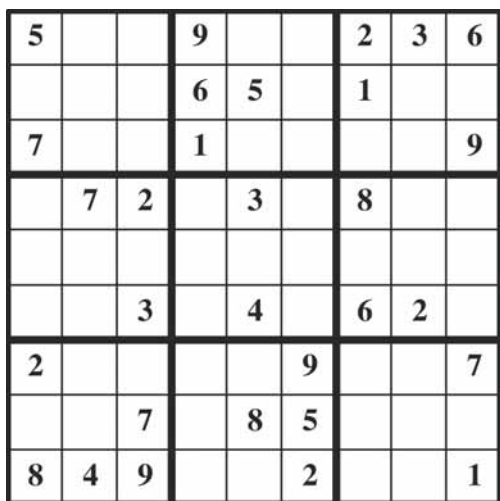
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- 20 Showy lily
- 22 Battery size
- 24 Single (2 wds.)
- 26 Sacred snakes of Egypt
- 27 Riddle starter
- 28 Lunar phenomenon
- 30 Nimble
- 32 Lohengrin's bride
- 34 Tolstoy et al.
- 35 Fjord city
- 36 Hull plank
- 39 Loaf around
- 40 Fish stories
- 43 Voted to accept
- 46 Winter apples
- 48 Huntsville loc.
- 49 Bassinet
- 50 Humane org.
- 51 Sing heartily
- 52 Fixed the pilot
- 54 Orange-and-white rental (hyph.)
- 56 Comfy seat
- 58 Orpheus played it
- 59 Latin I verb
- 60 Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 63 Dock

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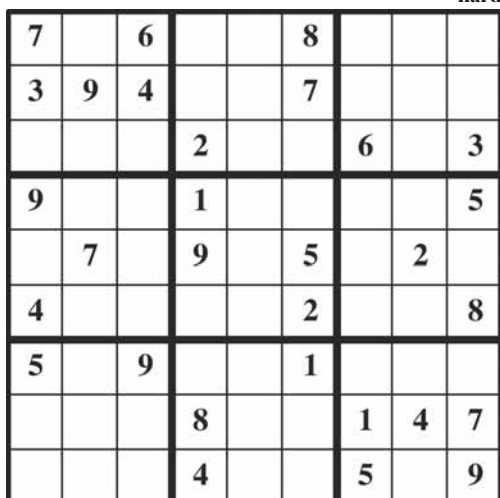


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easy



hard



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Aries You can make a difference if you plan your actions carefully. An unexpected interruption will add to your stress if you have taken on too much.



Taurus Be tasteful in the way you offer help to others. If you are looking for praise or rewards, your motives are probably questionable. Live within your means.



Gemini Concentrate on personal improvement or educational pursuits to boost your chance to advance. Celebrate with someone who shares your enthusiasm.



Cancer Do something different. Visit a destination you've never been to before and associate with people who offer inspiration and motivation.



Leo Invest your time and effort into bringing about worthwhile lifestyle changes. Don't feel obliged to pay for someone else. Share and be fair, but don't let anyone use you.



Virgo Explore new places and interests to connect with someone who jogs your memory or gives you plenty to consider. A unique partnership will encourage new beginnings.



Libra Someone from your past will offer unique advice that encourages you to do the right thing. Don't let anger prevail when intelligence is what's required.



Scorpio Troubles at home will cause an emotional disturbance. Refuse to overreact to a situation that just requires a little nurturing and tender, loving care.



Sagittarius A change of plans or location will do you good. Taking a day trip or doing something you've never done before will give you a new lease on life. Romance is highlighted.



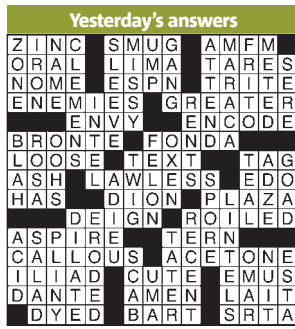
Capricorn Emotions will play a role in the matters concerning your ability to earn a living and uphold your reputation. Think twice before you say or do something you'll regret.



Aquarius Charm coupled with intuitive intelligence will help you ward off anyone trying to take advantage of you. Avoid people employing high-pressure tactics or ultimatums.



Pisces Emotional spending or making promises you probably won't want to keep should be eschewed. You are best off using your insight to overcome obstacles. **EUGENIA LAST**



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